Something is busted
Food for thought

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Overview

- Background
- It is difficult to help
- No easy answers?
- Now what?
- I know, I know.....
- Discussion

Background

- As the M2 date for openSUSE Factory aka 12.2 approached without anything that was releasable Stephan sent the following message:

[opensuse-factory] Status: Distribution

From: Stephan Kulow <coolo@xxxxxxx>
Date: Wed, 07 Mar 2012 15:44:13 +0100
Message-id: <4F57743D.9060807@suse.de>

Hi,

I just noticed that we should have M2 tomorrow, but I don't think that would be wise - we just checked in a kernel that is supposed to fix compilation i586 - perhaps next week ;(

And http://openqa.opensuse.org/results/openSUSE-NET-x86_64-Build0232 doesn't make me look happy either.

Greetings, Stephan

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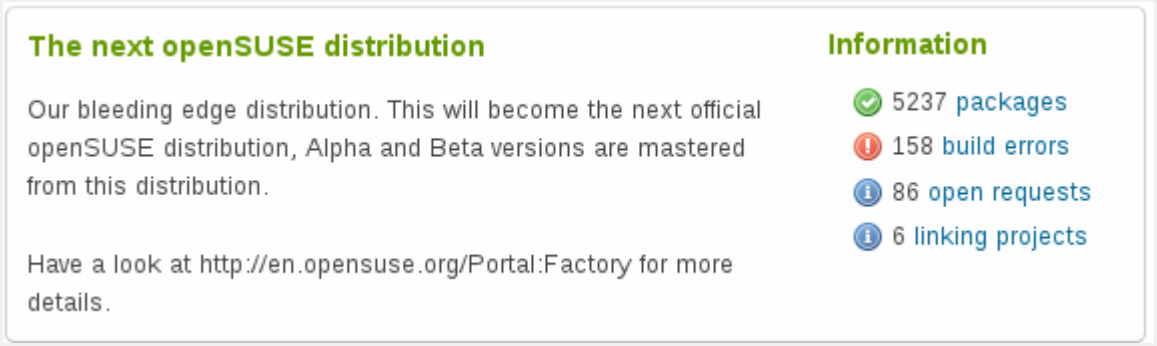
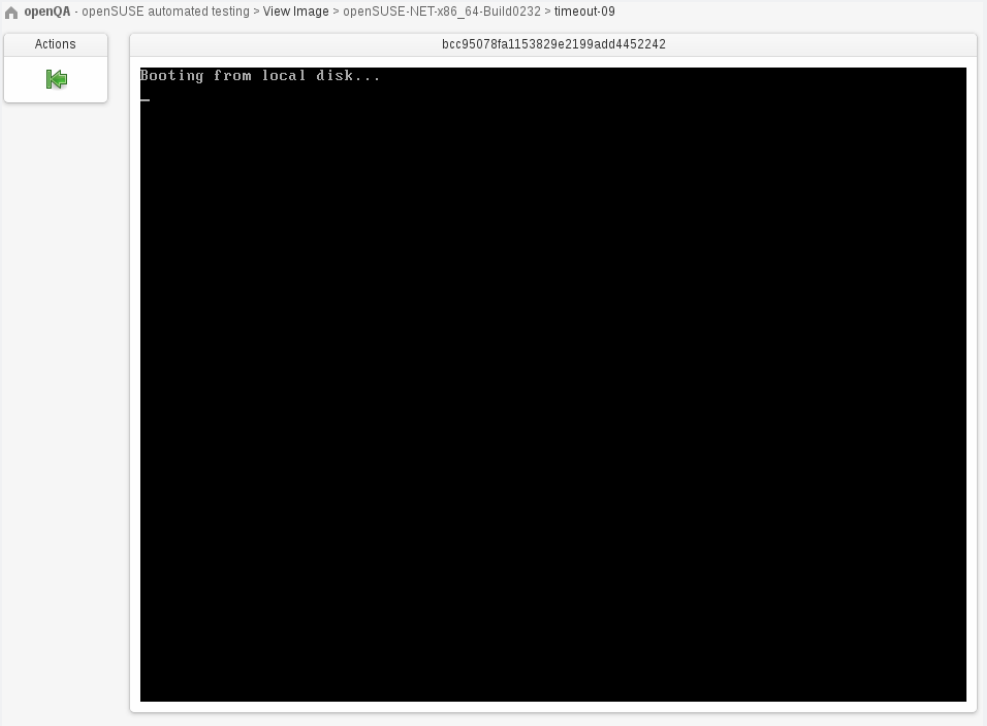
To unsubscribe, e-mail: opensuse-factory+unsubscribe@xxxxxxxxxxxx
To contact the owner, e-mail: opensuse-factory+owner@xxxxxxxxxxxx

Background

- And indeed even a few days later

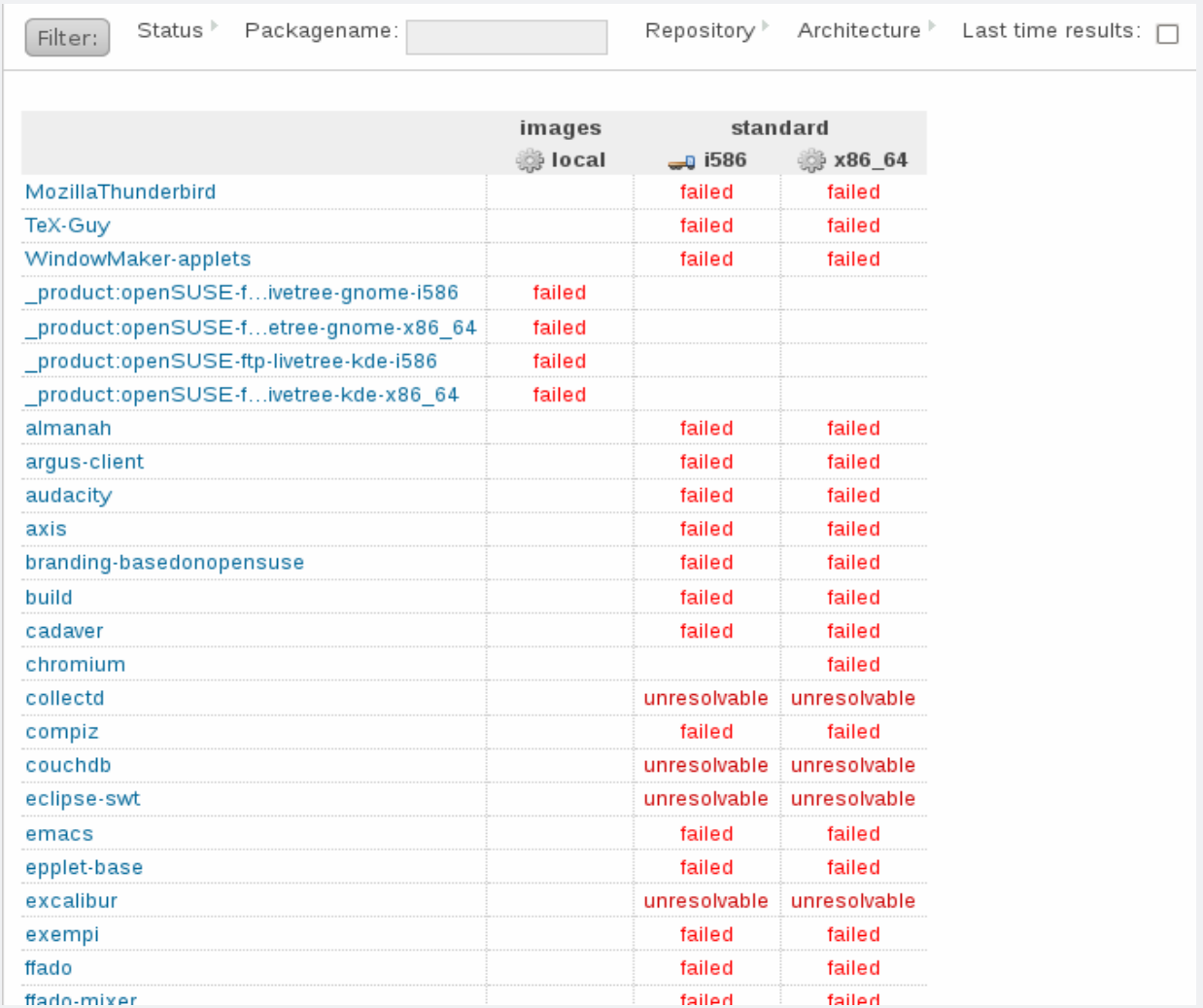


- Plus our QA still showed



Background

- The status page – very RED



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WindowMaker-applets		failed	failed
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almanah		failed	failed
argus-client		failed	failed
audacity		failed	failed
axis		failed	failed
branding-basedonopensuse		failed	failed
build		failed	failed
cadaver		failed	failed
chromium			failed
collectd		unresolvable	unresolvable
compiz		failed	failed
couchdb		unresolvable	unresolvable
eclipse-swt		unresolvable	unresolvable
emacs		failed	failed
epplet-base		failed	failed
excalibur		unresolvable	unresolvable
exempi		failed	failed
ffado		failed	failed
ffado-mixer		failed	failed

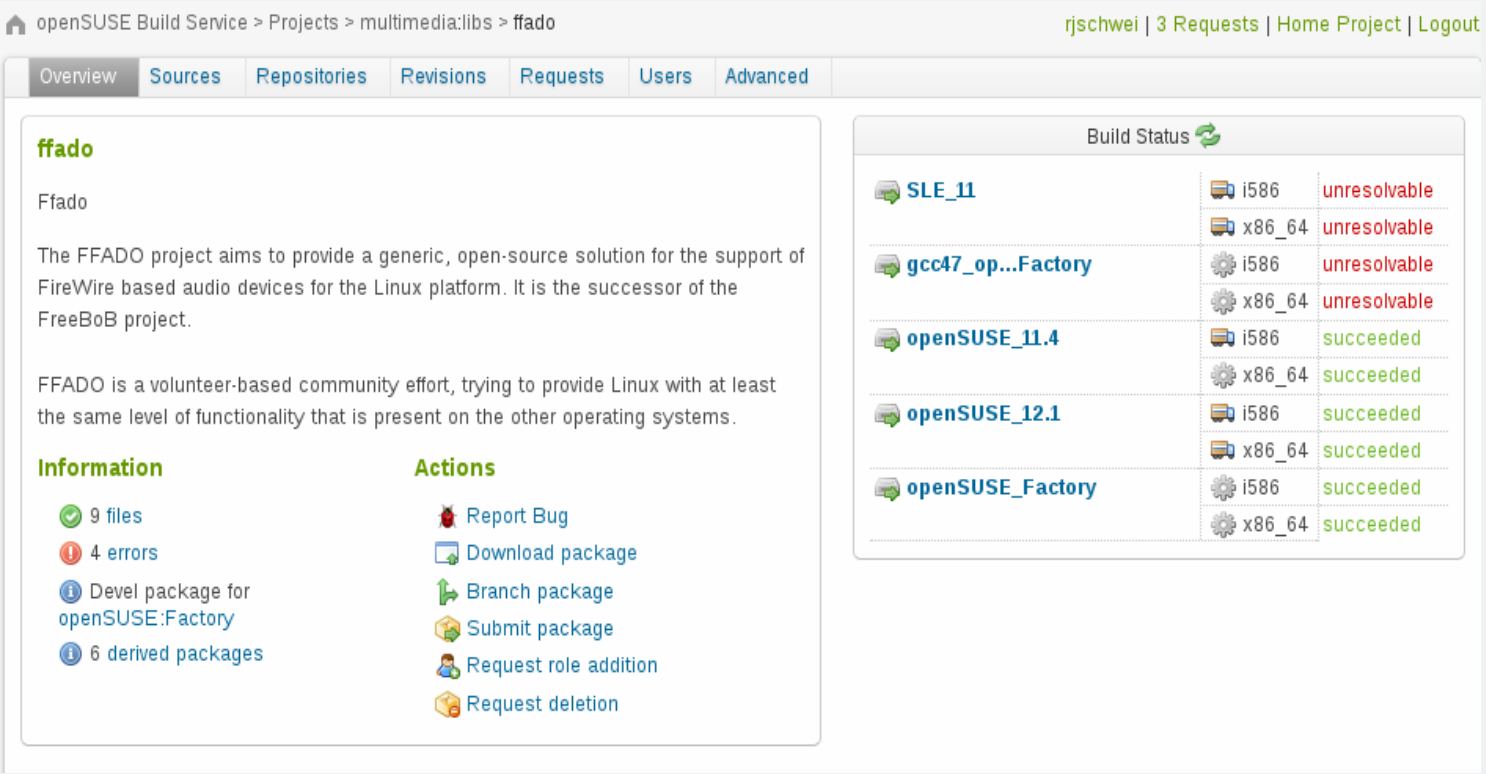
It is difficult to help

- What is a good citizen to do?

- Correct, jump right in and help

It is difficult to help

- But.....
  - osc develproject openSUSE:Factory ffado => multimedia:libs



- It builds just fine
  - Nothing to fix?

It is difficult to help

- Not the only example.....therefore

No easy answer

- After a few of these....

- Enthusiasm turns to....

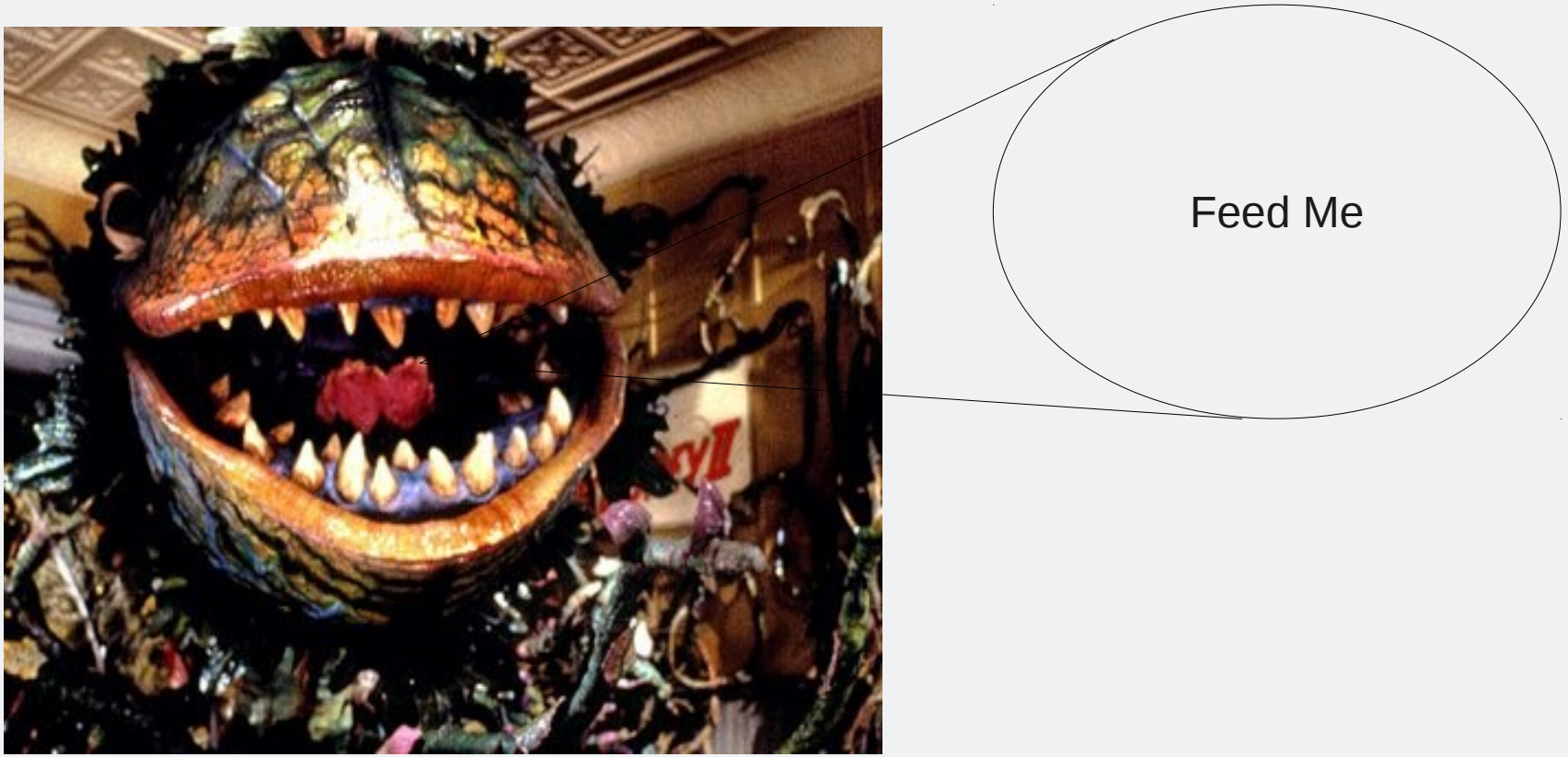
- Deflation

No easy answers

- For those with endless energy
  - Search all pending SRs
  - Do version comparison
  - Contact maintainer
  - ….....

Now what?

- We have a clear disconnect between the status of factory and the projects feeding factory



Now what?

- Maybe we should....
  - Clean up our maintainer model
    - Need true maintainer, not a million maintainers inherited from the given project
    - Just look at any given package indevel:languages:Perl
  - Then people can turn on Hermes notifications
    - These will then actually be meaningful and not overwhelming
- Can we find a way to speed up SR acceptance?
- Can we eliminate the disconnect?
  - This would make it easier to help for those that do not constantly have their fingers in Factory
- Is the factory model broken in some respects?

I know, I know.....

- Yes, this is taking a very simplistic view but....
  - The easier we make things the more help we get

Discussion

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